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KIDSNET facilitates the collection and appropriate sharing of health data with healthcare providers, parents, MCH programs, and other child service providers for the provision of timely and appropriate preventive health services and follow up.

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Immunizations:

State Supplied Vaccine Program Enrollments for the new fiscal year were due by June 30, 2008. Currently just over 50% of provider offices have completed their agreements and on-line enrollment. As of July 14th any provider who has not completed their enrollment will be unable to place a vaccine order until the enrollment is done. For assistance in enrolling please contact Neil Young at 222.4622 or Neil.Young@health.ri.gov.

The peditatric immunizations program also sent out the annual influenza survey requiring practices to submit their estimated need of vaccine for the upcoming influenza season. The survey is to be completed and returned by July 15th in order to guarantee that vaccine will be allocated to your practice. For any questions regarding the influenza survey please contact Mark Francesconi at 222-5988 or Mark.Francesconi@health.ri.gov.

The Adult Immunize for Life enrollment period has been extended to July 14, 2008. Enrollments beyond that date may not be guaranteed influenza vaccine for the upcoming influenza season. For Adult Immunize For Life questions please contact Deb Porrazzo at 222.7876 or Deborah.Porrazzo@health.ri.gov or you may contact Virginia Paine at 222.7681 or Virginia.Paine@health.ri.gov.

Hib vaccine still remains to be in limited supply and practices should continue to defer the booster dose (12-15 months) until further notice.

Please remember to mark the correct HIB (Pedvax Hib vs Act Hib) on the KIDNET Data Sheets.

<u>currentcare</u>: Rhode Island's Health Information Exchange Information For Health Care Providers

currentcare is the name of Rhode Island's Health Information Exchange that is now under development. It is a secure electronic network that uses state-of-the-art technology to ensure that, with a user name and password, authorized medical professionals can access their patients' most up-to-date health information in an integrated view. Initial data will include laboratory information from Lifespan, East Side Clinical, and Department of Health laboratories, and medication history information from retail pharmacies. Some of your patients might start asking about currentcare later this summer, when initial enrollment of consumers will begin. Since consumers must enroll before their health information is made available to currentcare from participating data sources, consumer enrollment is beginning approximately 12 months before the system is made available to health care providers.

Immunization Report

In June 2008, the following 15 practices sent immunization history updates for KIDSNET after running the immunization report: Capitol Hill and Central Health Centers, Bald Hill Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Children First Pediatrics, Hillside Avenue Family Medicine, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Dante Ramos, P.R.I.M.A., Dr. Salm - Aquidneck Newport, Spectrum Family Health Care, University Family Medicine, Wakefield Pediatrics, Westerly Pediatrics and Wood River Health Services.

Lead Screening Report

Please continue to use KIDSNET to generate reports of children in your practice who have never been screened for lead poisoning. In June 2008, the following 32 pediatric practices used this report: Associates in Primary Care Medicine, Dr. Tayna Becker, Blackstone Valley Pedi and Adolescent, Bayside Family Healthcare, Concilio Pediatrics, Cumberland Pediatrics, Dr. Charles DeAngelis, Children's Healthcare, Inc., Cranston University Medical Group, Dr. Vincent D'Alessandro, Dr. Dante Ramos, Family Health Services Cranston, Family Medicine Specialties, Dr. Duane Golomb, Hasbro Med Peds Practice, Dr. Polly Leonard, MHRI Primary Care Pediatric Center, Mill River Pediatrics, Narragansett Indian Health Center, East Bay Community Action Program, Northwest Health Center, Dr. Jennifer Souther, Tavares Pediatric Center, Spectrum Health Care, Dr. Steven Maguire, Thundermist Health Center of Woonsocket and West Warwick, Tri-Town Health Center, University Family Medicine Foundation, Warren Family Practice, Wood River Health Services, and Westerly Pediatrics.

If you need a training review to use this report, contact your KIDSNET representative or call the KIDSNET Help Desk at 1.800.942.7434. Thank you for your help in ensuring all children are appropriately screened for lead!